

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Editorially amend the specification.
2. Thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 25, 28-29, 33 and 37-38.
3. Rewrite allowable claim 25 as an independent claim, and amend the dependency of claim 24 to depend from independent claim 25.
4. Amend the dependencies of claims 30 and 31 to depend from independent claim 25.
5. Rewrite rejected claim 26 as an independent claim.
6. Rewrite allowable claim 28 as an independent claim to include limitations of original independent claim 23 and original dependent claim 27.
7. Rewrite allowable claim 33 as an independent claim to include limitations of original independent claim 23 and original dependent claim 32.
8. Rewrite allowable claim 37 as an independent claim to include limitations of original independent claim 34 and original dependent claim 36.
9. Amend the dependencies of claims 35, 39 – 40 to depend from independent claim 37.
10. Add new independent claims 45 – 47, essentially corresponding to independent claims 25 – 26 and 28, respectively.

11. Amend independent claim 41 to include acts reflecting allowable limitations of independent claim 25.
12. Amend dependent claims 42 – 44 for consistency with amended independent claim 41.
13. Cancel claims 23, 27, 32, 34, 36, and 41 - 44 without prejudice or disclaimer.
14. Submit an SB08 to request citation of US Patent 5,757,237 (discussed on page 2 of Applicants' specification)
15. Respectfully traverse all prior art rejections.

B. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 23-24, 26-27 and 30-32, 34-36 and 39-44 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,927,634 to Kobayashi. All prior art rejections are respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Claims 45 – 25, 28 – 29, 30 – 31, 33, 34, 37 – 40 are deemed allowable in view, e.g., of the Examiner's indication of allowability and responsive claim amendments.

Amended independent claim 26 now specifies that the dynamic biasing circuit having an input terminal connected to said output electrode of said first transistor and an output terminal connected to a base electrode of said second transistor. The alleged circuit 102 of Kobayashi does not have an output terminal (which is distinct from the input terminal connected to the emitter of Q1A) which is connected to a base of any of Q1B, Q2A, and Q2B.

New independent claims 45 – 47 essentially corresponding to independent claims 25 – 26 and 28, respectively, but are devoid of means plus function limitations and the last paragraph of original independent claim 23. New independent claims 45 – 47 are believed to be allowable for the same reasons as allowable independent claims 25 and 28

and amended independent claim 26 (see preceding paragraph). Amended independent method claim 41 is deemed allowable for similar reasons as independent claim 25.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers, including but not limited to new claims fees and any fees required for the IDS SB08 submitted on even date herewith, and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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